



Business Item 2025-143: Procurement of 128 Biodiesel 40' Transit Buses

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Review of Recent Transportation Committee Bus Procurement Actions

2024:

- 6/14 TC: [2024-163](#): Procurement of 73 Biodiesel Forty-Foot Transit Buses, Contract 19P122E
- 4/8 TC: [2024-95](#): Contract – (8) Electric Bus and Charger Purchase Low/No Grant 2021, Contract 24P077
- 4/8 TC: [2024-98](#): Contract – Electric Bus and Charger Purchase Low/No Grant 2023, Contract 24P077

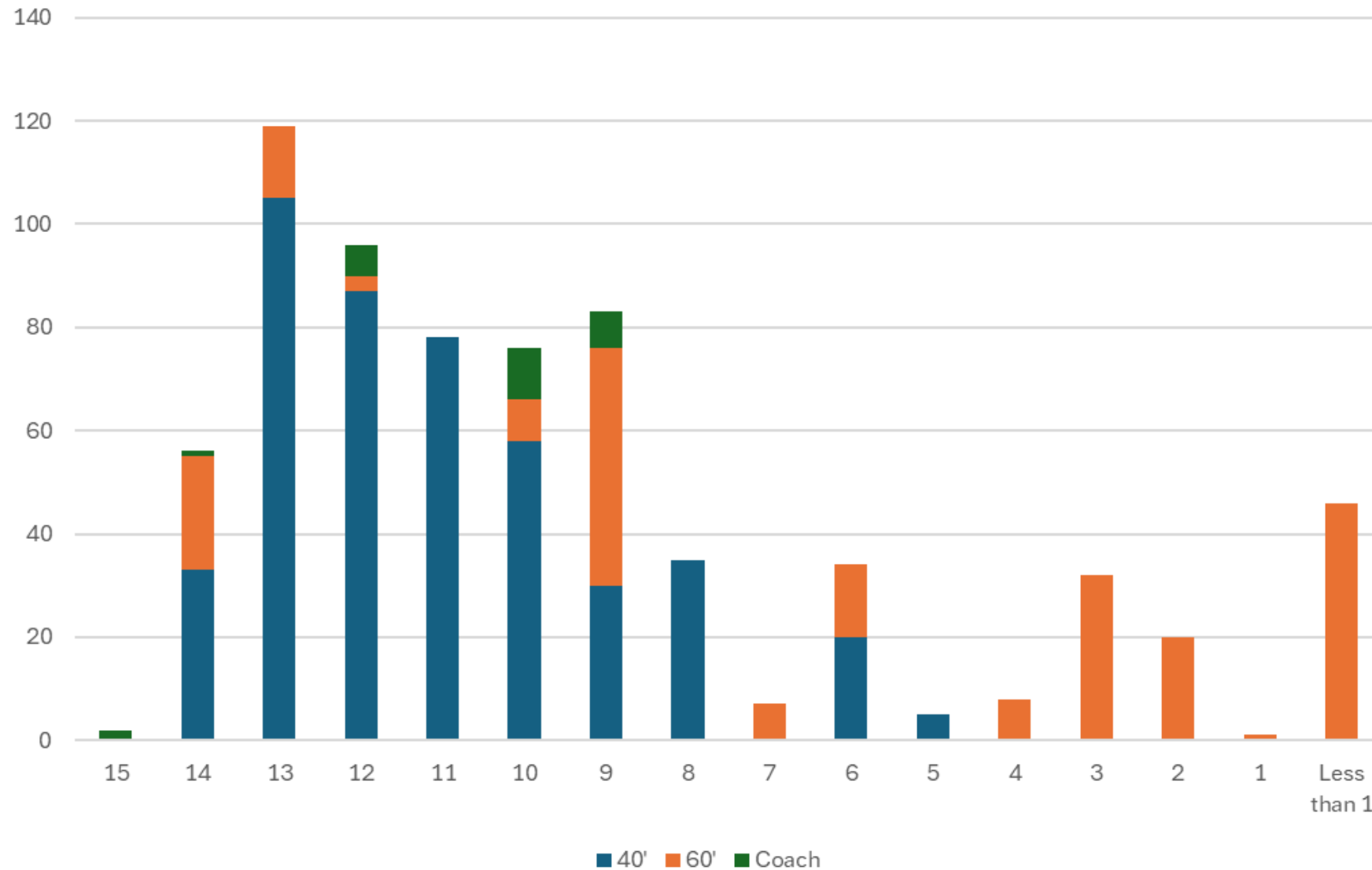
2023:

- 6/12 TC: [2023-121 SW](#): METRO Gold Line Bus Rapid Transit – Electric Bus and Charger Purchase

2025 Budget Amendment Business Item: 2025-50 JT

- The amendment provided funding to purchase 98 replacement buses
- The amendment also provided funding to purchase expansion buses for Network Now service.
- This project is identified in the CIP
- [2025-50-JT.aspx](#)

June 2025: Active Bus Fleet Counts by Age



Bus Useful Life

The following table defines the useful life of several typical FTA-funded items based on FTA Circular 5010.1E. For items not listed by FTA in the table below, useful life definitions may be obtained from other reasonable sources, including the Department of Defense (DOD) and Internal Revenue Service (IRS), based on acceptable accounting principles. It should be noted that the Altoona bus test reports for individual bus models do not define the useful life of rolling stock.

Vehicle	FTA-Defined Useful Life
35'-40' heavy duty bus and articulated transit buses	12 years or 500,000 miles

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council (“the Council”) authorize the Regional Administrator to exercise bus purchase options utilizing the State of Washington’s Master Contract 06719-01 with Gillig LLC to purchase (128) 40-foot buses for the Council’s regular route services in an amount not to exceed \$ 122,085,767.45.